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June 28 Member Meeting Recap

Our July speaker, Jim Winfield, experienced a health emergency and was unable to join us at River Bends Park. In his absence, Bob Paradise, Tom Gorguze, and Fred Chartier provided their recollections from the recent Tri Port Challenge held in Manistee on June 24-26. With no warning or time to prepare, those three guys provided an interesting and entertaining tag team presentation of life on the tournament trail. Thanks, you guys. Well done!

July 26, 2022 Membership Meeting at River Bends Park

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The July member meeting is going to be a **family** pot-luck combined with a swap meet. This is part of the clubs summer season outdoors at River Bends Park, 5700 22 Mile Rd. in Shelby Twp., 7:30 pm.

No speaker, just member-to-member conversation, deal making, and meal sharing. Arrive prepared for the weather and bugs. Bring a chair. Enjoy the evening and friendship.

This is members opportunity to clean out the closet of those fishing/hunting items that still have value but you are not using it anymore.

Please bring a dish to pass, as the club is not providing an entrée this year. It was decided that in past years there has always been so much food that a club entrée was not needed.

Normal raffles will be held.

Harbor Beach AOTY June 18 - Recap

Harbor Beach 2022

Our fourth tournament of the year was scheduled for June 18th out of Harbor Beach. I checked the weather forecast the previous Tuesday and it looked like winds out of the north at 15 to 20 m.p.h. with waves 3 to 4 ft. This is not usually a good wind direction for this area but it looked like it might be a bit rough but still fishable. Also, the wind and wave forecasts this far in advance are notoriously wrong.

By Wednesday Bob Fiesel, our Tournament Director sent me a text asking if I've looked at the latest forecast. He advised that one of the Captains that had previously registered had withdrawn. The forecast was getting worse.

By Thursday, the forecast called for 5 to 7 footers overnight and into the morning. Bob and I talked and decided we should cancel the tournament. Usually, Sunday would be the back-up day but in this case, that was Father's Day. Friday morning, I checked the forecast again and there was a "small craft advisory" in effect until Saturday afternoon.

Fred on Lake Buzzard had been pre-fishing mid-week and was in the area Friday and Saturday. He advised that there were very strong winds and Friday with trees down etc. Also, it was too rough to fish on Saturday. Looks like it was a good call to cancel.

I had lined up lunch from Varney's Coney Island Café with pulled pork and brats on the menu.

Anyway, hope we put Harbor Beach on the schedule next year and the Mother Nature cooperates. Joe von Grabe - "Sloppy Joe" - (586-945-4334)

Auburn Hills Kids Fishing Derby—Riverside Park

I received this note from Carl Ventimiglia (Board member Carl V's son) regarding the kids fishing derby. Makes the whole effort worthwhile. Un-edited view through the eyes of a young man who had the opportunity to fish with his friends.

"This fishing Derby was a blast. I had so much fun and when that bell rang I was in and out of the water. I had a couple of my friends come we all caught a ton of fish. I caught 15 fish. We caught a lot of rainbow trout and we were catching them on fake worms and it was a pink, white and green. Then on the pole we had a single hook and a split shot. Then we took a break and play tag on the park. Then at the end they give tickets and you can get to win a prize everyone gets a prize. Over all this was a very fun fishing derby thank to the people that had set this thing up."

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July 9 Presque Isle SOTY Tournament recap

Presque Isle was a new experience for me. I had never been there and I found it to be a hidden gem on the the shore of Lake Huron. Presque Isle is an “un-incorporated community” according to Alexa. I asked her what that means, and after she explained it, I still had no idea. My best guess is, it means they don’t have any politicians. Maybe that’s part of it’s appeal. The harbor is pristine, with adequate parking and a launch ramp right on the property. There is no fish cleaning station and according to the locals, there probably never will be one. Fish cleaning was accomplished at ports a short drive north or south, inconvenient, but workable. There is a fully stocked bait shop and a restaurant directly across the street from the harbor.

DAS had 11 boats show up with 35 people (including guests). On our weekend, the fish were found about 7 or 8 miles out of the harbor, on the “hump” where the water depth rises from 210’ to more like 125’. The majority of the fish weighed-in were lake trout (65) with a rare salmon (5) and very rare steelhead (1). Fish were caught top-water, suspended, and deep. Fish were caught on spoons, fly’s, spin-and-glows, and I think some guys just stuck their hand in the water and yanked them out of the water. DAS has some amazing fishing people and the cream came to the top this weekend. Those guys who always catch fish were front and center, those of us who usually struggle, struggled. That’s just the way it is. I really hope the trolling committee chooses to go back to Presque Isle in 2023.

Tournament Results:

- | | | | | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1) Lake Buzzard | 2) Wonder | 3) Equalizer | 4) Sea Hag | 5) Vicki’s Seacret | 6) Blue Horizon |
| 7) Bad Dog | 8) Just Wasting Time | 9) Split Shot | 10) Jabber (guest) | 11) Super Can (guest) | |

Big Fish Results:

- | | | |
|--------------------|-------|----------------------------|
| 1) Big King: | 15.3# | Ryan Wieczorkowski (guest) |
| 2) Big Lake Trout: | 13# | Fred Chartier |
| 3) Big Steelhead: | 7.4# | Paul Gjeldum |



Sebewaing Walleye AOTY Event July 16 Recap

Sebewaing Event Results:

Eleven anglers weighed in 23 fish.

AOTY Points	1	Mark Wyrick	4	Lori Gamble	7	Zgigniew Piotrow
	2	Blaise Pewinski	5	James Anderson	8	John Neef
	3	Gaspare Aragona	6	Anna Kulpa	9	Gary Gross

Guests Perry Hopkin and Jim Winter also weighed in Walleye.

Big Fish Winners: 1) Anna Kulpa 2) Mark Wyrick 3) Blaise Pewinski



Saginaw Bay served up a very different fishery for the 11 participants with four boats that showed up. Boats were spread out all over the bay with no one consistent pattern of catching fish. We caught a few on crawlers then we would add a few more to the spread only to catch the next few on spoons or body baits. We managed 14 fish on the Sea Hag crews effort. At weigh-in Mark Wyrick was the only person to weigh-in 5 fish for a first place finish, followed by Blaise Pewinski and Gaspare Aragona to fill out the top three spots. Big fish went to Anna Kulpa with a 3.30 walleye, then Mark Wyrick at 3.24, and Blaise Pewinski with 2.93 #'s. We had a great lunch with a lot of stories told about the events of the day. Hope to see you at our next AOTY event, Lake St Clair perch on September 10th. Till then tight lines, Blaise Pewinski.

2022 SOTY Events

Remaining 2022 SOTY Trolling Tournament Events:

July 23	Manistee	start time 0600	Port Captain	Nathan Case
July 30	Ludington	start time 0600	Port Captain	Fred Chartier
August 13	Frankfort	start time 060	Port Captain	Tom Gorguze

July 23 Manistee SOTY Tournament

On July 23 the Detroit Steelheaders will be hosting our Manistee SOTY tournament.

Drop lines at 6:00 am, pull ines at 1:00 pm, be in the weigh-in line by 2:00 pm.

Shore lunch to follow after the weigh-in. Larger Kings are starting to show up and it should be a mixed bag of Kings, Coho, Lake Trout, and Steelhead. Fishing should be decent.

The DNR Marina phone is (231) 723-1552. If anyone needs a motel the Manistee Motel phone number is (231) 887-4500.

To enter text Nathan Case by July 21 at (248) 730-2591. I will need your name, phone number, boat name, and total number of participants.

Fish On! Hope to see you there, Nathan.

2022 DAS SOTY Ludington Tournament

WHEN: Saturday July 30, 2022

WHERE: Municipal Marina 231-843-9611 or <https://www.ludington.mi.us/220/Municipal-Marina/> or Harborview Marina 231-843-6032 or <https://www.harborviewmarina.com/>

TOURNAMENT START: 6:00 a.m. (Honor System Start – Roll Call will be taken by Port Captain within 1 hour after start)

FISH CALLS: Channel 72 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

PULL LINES: 1:00 p.m. WEIGH-IN: 2:00 p.m. (must be in line by)

Municipal Marina Luncheon will be provided courtesy of Port Captain PORT CAPTAIN: Fred Chartier (Lake Buzzard) 248-496-9512 Cell

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Bob Feisel (Vicki's Seacret) 248-765-2504 Cell ENTRY FEE: \$20 Entry Forms available @ DAS SOTY-Entry Form

BIG FISH POOL(Optional): \$20 \$10 towards BIG SALMON – Largest Salmon takes all \$5 towards BIG STEELHEAD – Largest Steelhead takes all \$5 towards BIG LAKE TROUT – Largest Lake Trout takes all

REMINDERS: Lake Trout- Size 15" minimum, Creel 3.

You must call (channel 72), the Port Captain or Tournament Director when you return to port at the end of the tournament. Also, you must call if you return to port at any time during the tournament or return to the water.

Angler of the Year(AOTY) Overall Standings To Date

TODAY: 7/17/2022

Entrant's Name	1-29 M	2-26 S	3-26 M	4-23 O	5-07 A	6-11 SC	7-16 S	9-10 LS	9-24 M	10-29 M	11-05 M	12-10 CV	Best 5	Place
1 JAMES ANDERSON	8	50	4	1	7	16	5	75	75	75	75	75	25	1
2 GASPARE ARAGONA	2	3	50	75	6	14	3	75	75	75	75	75	28	2
3 BOB PARADISE	1	1	50	50	2	3	75	75	75	75	75	75	57	3
4 LAURIE GAMBLIN	4	7	2	50	75	75	4	75	75	75	75	75	67	4
5 MARK WYRICK	9	75	50	50	75	2	1	75	75	75	75	75	112	5
6 DANIEL CHISHOLM	10	5	75	75	16	20	75	75	75	75	75	75	126	6
7 ANNA KULPA	11	75	50	50	75	13	7	75	75	75	75	75	131	7
8 NATE CASE JR	50	6	50	75	19	17	75	75	75	75	75	75	142	8
9 NATE CASE	15	4	50	75	75	9	75	75	75	75	75	75	163	9
10 ZBIGNIEW PIOTROW	75	50	75	75	17	8	75	75	75	75	75	75	158	10
11 ROB PINSKEY	75	2	75	75	10	1	75	75	75	75	75	75	163	11
12 BLAISE PEWINSKI	75	75	75	75	13	4	2	75	75	75	75	75	169	12
13 JON NEEF	75	75	75	2	50	75	9	75	75	75	75	75	211	13
14 TOM GORGUZE	75	75	50	75	14	12	75	75	75	75	75	75	226	14
15 ROGER PARADISE	75	75	3	75	1	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	229	15
16 ART RING	75	75	75	75	5	10	75	75	75	75	75	75	240	16
17 LUKE PARADISE	75	75	75	75	4	22	75	75	75	75	75	75	251	17
18 SAMUEL ANDERSON	75	50	5	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	255	18
19 RABIH ABDALLAH	16	75	50	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	266	19
20 GARY GROSS	75	75	75	50	20	75	60	75	75	75	75	75	270	20
21 MARK PARADISE	75	75	75	75	3	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	278	21
22 JASON SHERRILL	75	75	50	75	75	5	75	75	75	75	75	75	280	22
23 TODD RIDLEY	75	75	75	75	50	7	75	75	75	75	75	75	282	23
24 KYLE COVIK	75	8	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	283	24
24 HAYDEN PAEHLIG	75	75	75	75	8	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	283	24
26 ED PAEHLIG	75	75	75	75	11	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	286	26
27 DENIS HARPER	13	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	288	27
28 GIL GRAFTON	14	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	289	28
29 BOB KSIONZEK	75	75	75	75	50	19	75	75	75	75	75	75	294	29
30 DINO RAPTIS	75	75	1	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	301	30
31 TERRICK PATTERSON	3	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	303	31
32 SCOTT KUZNIA	5	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	305	32
33 STEVE PROUT	6	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	306	33
33 FRED CHARTIER	75	75	75	75	75	6	75	75	75	75	75	75	306	33
35 CARL VENTIMIGLIA	7	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	307	35
36 DICK SHIRK	75	75	75	75	12	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	312	36
37 CARL VENTIMIGLIA JR	17	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	317	37
38 JON MARTENS	75	75	75	75	75	21	75	75	75	75	75	75	321	38
39 KEN CIONE	75	75	75	75	75	23	75	75	75	75	75	75	323	39
40 CHRIS WALTON	50	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	325	40
40 LUKE WALTON	50	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	325	40
42 NICK JONES	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	42
42 DANA JONES	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	42
42 LIZ KULPA	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	42
42 KEVIN GROSS	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	42
42 CHERYL JASMAN	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	42
42 DON JASMAN	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	42

Determining Points
 Place at Individual Event
 50 for Participating but No Fish
 75 for Not Participating

Skipper of the Year Standings

Skipper of the Year Standings 2022

7/12/22

Best 3

Boat Name	Skipper Name	St. Joe	Grand Haven	Pentwater	Harbor Beach	Presque Isle	Manistee	Frankfort	Total Points
1 Lake Buzzard	Fred Chartier	3	2	2	75	1	75	75	5
2 Wonder	Joe Delisi	6	1	5	75	2	75	75	8
2 Equalizer	Nathan Case	2	75	3	75	3	75	75	8
4 Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	4	4	4	75	75	75	75	12
5 Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	1	7	75	75	5	75	75	13
6 Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	75	5	6	75	4	75	75	15
7 Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	8	75	1	75	7	75	75	16
8 Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	7	3	7	75	75	75	75	17
9 Just Wastin' Time	Don Jasman	5	75	75	75	8	75	75	88
10 Channing	Dan Chisholm	75	6	75	75	75	75	75	156
10 Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	75	75	75	75	6	75	75	156



NOTE:
 BEST 5 SCORES WILL DETERMINE SOTY AT SEASON'S END. OFFICIAL 1st TIE BREAKER IS BEST 6 SCORES. CURRENT STANDINGS ARE SORTED AS SUCH.

	St. Joe	Grand Haven	Pentwater	Harbor Beach	Presque Isle	Manistee	Frankfort	Total For Year
No. of Boats	8	7	7	0	11	0	0	33
Kings	6	31	19	0	1	0	0	57
Cohos	11	19	5	0	4	0	0	39
Lake Trout	2	6	2	0	68	0	0	78
Steelhead	0	3	2	0	2	0	0	7
Browns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Atlantics	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pinks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	19	59	28	0	75	0	0	181

Largest Fish of the Year			
Species	WGT. (lbs.)	Boat Name	Port
King	21.25	Lake Buzzard	Grand Haven
Coho	5.95	Lake Buzzard	Pentwater
Lake Trout	13.00	Lake Buzzard	Presque Isle
Steelhead	12.20	Lake Buzzard	Grand Haven
Brown	0.00		
Atlantic	0.00		
Pink	0.00		
Walleye	0.00		

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Upcoming Dates

- July 23 Manistee SOTY
- July 26 Membership Mtg River Bends Park
- July 30 Ludington
- August "NO" Board of Directors Meeting
- August 13 Frankfort SOTY
- August 30 Member Mtg River Bends Park
- September 13 Board of Directors Mtg

**The quickest way for a parent to get a child's attention,
is to sit down and look comfortable.**